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1. The Rezistentia rope factory, which is under the Ministry of Light Industry, consists of two nationalized firms, one of which formerly belonged to a certain Hacker and the other to a certain Reich, and produces rope, fishing nets and transmission belts. Part of the factory is located at 156 Strada Gheorghe Doja in Arad, along with the offices, and part is at Gradistea near Arad. Equipment consists of only two hemp-carding machines, practically all the work being done by hand. Raw hemp is obtained from the hemp dressing factory Gheorghe Doja at Iratos near Arad, and from Berveni near Dej. In January 1951 the factory employed 20 clerks and 200 workers, 20 to 30 percent of whom are women. The factory then had a total output of 5,000 to 12,000 kilograms per month, which includes ships' ropes, square transmission belts for sugar factories, and fishing nets. The finished products go to Sovrom-navigatie, Braila (Soviet-Rumanian Shipping Company), Compescaria (State Fishing Company), and to various sugar factories. All supplies and products are transported by rail as the factory owns only one truck. The factory does not produce its own electricity.
2. A large well-equipped automobile repair shop, belonging to the Ministry of Timber, is located opposite the Arad football field. It has approximately a dozen lathes, drilling machines, and a new machine for grinding cylinders.
3. Two new factories have been built in Arad: one is the Victoria, located near the Flamura Rosie factory, which makes metalworking tools, and the other is a five-story refrigeration works located near the slaughter yard at Gai, near Arad.
4. Personnel of the main factories at Arad is roughly as follows:
 - a. Astra-Arad, producing railroad cars for the USSR and for the Rumanian State Railroad (CFR), 7,000 to 8,000 workers.

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- b. Victoria, producing tools and lathes, 2,000 to 2,500 workers.
- c. Flamura Rosie textile factory, 6,000 workers.
- 5. Artisans, such as plumbers, cobblers or tailors, can open small workshops in Arad without difficulty as long as they can find premises. Labor permits for artisans, issued by the town council, are valid for one year.
- 6. Sample prices are as follows:

a. Shave	1 lei
b. Haircut	1.50 lei
c. Trip on streetcar	40, 50, 60 bani
d. Black bread (rationed)	70 bani per kilogram
e. White bread (open market)	2 lei per kilogram
f. Bacon	30 lei per kilogram
g. Butter	20 to 30 lei per kilogram
h. Egg	0.50 bani each

Oil is unobtainable as the farmers' presses have been requisitioned.

- 7. The following personalities are known:

- a. Gruenfeld (fnu), technical manager of the Ministry of Timber repair shop. [redacted]
- b. Aladar Vigh, technical manager of Rezistenta factory. [redacted]

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